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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR REEXAMINATION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 6-7, 12-15, 21, 25, and 27, and add new Claim 28 as follows.

All pending claims are listed below for the Examiner's convenience:

(Four Times Amended) A graphical user interface for a computer, comprising:

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a predetermined file-container icon displayed on the screen; and

one or more operating system provided file-operation dialog boxes which are accessible by one or more registered or unregistered application programs of the computer and which are defined independently of the one or more application programs to specify a file container associated with the predetermined file-container icon as a default document container for files related to the one or more application programs.

2. The graphical user interface of Claim 1, further comprising a destination menu item associated with a file to permit the file to be moved or copied to the file container associated with the file-container icon.

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